

National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up

Briefing for UPR delegations



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National Challenges

- **Ongoing growth** in human rights mechanisms (int'l and regional), reporting requirements, and number of human rights recommendations addressed to States
- **Timely and quality reporting** demand sustainable technical expertise
- Quality reporting requires **effective follow-up and implementation** of recommendations by many Ministries and at the local level

Ad-hoc arrangements **are not viable** anymore!



What is a National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF)?

- **Coordinate and prepare reports to and engage with** the international and regional human rights mechanisms (including treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and special procedures)
- **Coordinate and track national follow-up and implementation** of the treaty obligations and recommendations/ decisions emanating from these mechanisms.

The national mechanism performs these functions in **coordination** with ministries, specialized State bodies (such as the national statistics office), Parliament and the Judiciary, as well as in **consultation** with the national human rights institution(s) and civil society.



What are the main types of NMRFs?

Ad-hoc

Based within
a ministry

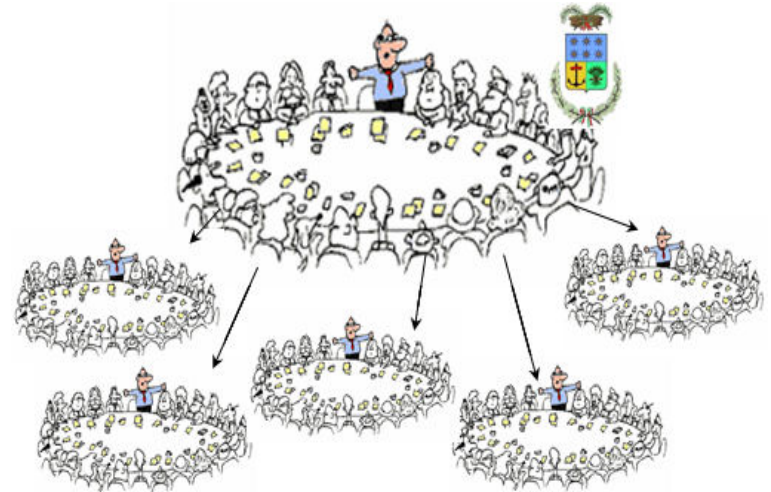
Inter-
ministerial

Separate
institution

Four key capacities

An effective NMRF should have the following **four key capacities**:

- Engagement capacity
- Coordination capacity
- Consultation capacity
- Information management capacity



Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (TBCBP)

- Treaty body strengthening process – GA resolution 68/268
- The programme became fully operational in 2015 (10 staff members based in OHCHR regional offices and 6 in Geneva)
- reports every 2 years to the General Assembly on its achievements
- organizes regional or sub-regional **training-of-trainers (ToT) workshops for State officials**
- provides assistance to requesting States on (1) **National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRFs)** and on (2) the preparation of Common Core Documents and **treaty specific reporting**.



THANK YOU

